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Faculty Senate


Serial Number #03-04--23

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Amendment to section 2.39.19 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL: Appointment of Student Assistant to the Ombud, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 25, 2004.
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective April 15, 2004 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

March 26, 2004
(date)


Judy K. Beckman
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved ☒.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors ____.
- c. Disapproved ____.

4/8/04
(date)


President



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At the March 25, 2004 meeting of the Faculty Senate, the following change to section 2.39.19 of the University Manual was approved upon recommendation of the Executive Committee:

2.39.19 Student Assistant. The Ombud shall be assisted by a student appointed by the President by July 1 each year in accordance with the procedure outlined below. In March of each academic year, the Student Senate and Graduate Student Association shall conduct searches for their nominees to the position of Student Assistant to the Ombud. The searches shall be conducted in a manner established by each organization. The names of no more than three nominees from each group shall be forwarded to the current Ombud by **April 15**. Finalists for the position shall be interviewed by a committee composed of the **Ombud and a representative of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**. The committee shall be convened by the **Ombud** and shall make its recommendation to the President no later than June 15. The Ombud's Student Assistant shall perform his/her duties in consultation with and under the direction of the Ombud, shall serve a one-year term, and shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself **without a search**. The Ombud's Student Assistant shall receive a stipend of \$1000. per semester, to be paid by the University.

This change was proposed by the University Ombud in the attached memorandum.



TO: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

FROM: Vincent Rose, University Ombud

DATE: February 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Selection of a Student Assistant to the Ombud

I am requesting that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee recommend that the Faculty Senate amend section 2.39.19 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL, which pertains to the appointment of a student assistant to the Ombud. Historically, there have been times when no student candidates have come forward and the Ombud, in concert with the Office of the Provost, has recruited a student for the position. By moving the date to an earlier one, it would be possible to recruit a student, if necessary, before the students leave campus for the summer.

In addition, if the student assistant has been doing a satisfactory job during the first year, continuation in the position permits the student to be more effective especially in the beginning of the fall semester, which is a period of great activity for the Ombud's Office.

For these reasons, I recommend that section 2.39.19 be amended to read as follows (changes are in bold):

NEW

2.39.19 Student Assistant. The Ombud shall be assisted by a student appointed by the President by July 1 each year in accordance with the procedure outlined below. In March of each academic year, the Student Senate and Graduate Student Association shall conduct searches for their nominees to the position of Student Assistant to the Ombud. The searches shall be conducted in a manner established by each organization. The names of no more than three nominees from each group shall be forwarded to the current Ombud by **April 15**. Finalists for the position shall be interviewed by a committee composed of the **Ombud and a representative of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**. The committee shall be convened by the **Ombud** and shall make its recommendation to the President no later than June 15. The Ombud's Student Assistant shall perform his/her duties in consultation with and under the direction of the Ombud, shall serve a one-year term, and shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself **without a search**. The Ombud's Student Assistant shall receive a stipend of \$1000. per semester, to be paid by the University.

EXISTING

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